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**RE: Docket Numbers - 98N-1230; 96P-0418; 97P-0197**

Gentlemen:

The FDA must do more than put bacteria warnings on egg cartons and regulate egg refrigeration temperatures. The FDA should prohibit the practice of forced molting because forced molting has been scientifically shown to promote diseases by destroying the hens' immune system. The FDA has jurisdiction to ban farm practices, such as forced molting, that injure human health. Studies have shown that the forced molting of hens is a primary cause of infectious diseases in hens, eggs and consumers of eggs. In April 1998 the FDA was petitioned to **ban forced molting to safeguard public health**. I URGENTLY REQUEST THAT THE PETITION BE GRANTED WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY.

Sincerely,



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